Carbondale Area basketball teams near 500 win mark

By LARRY GABRIEL JR.

With the Chargers' victory over Valley View in the Valley tourney title game, Carbondale Area has moved to within two victories of the 500 win plateau. The Carbondale-Simpson (Fell) jointure should reach the 500 mark this week as the Lackawanna League starts its regular season. This is the 15th season of the jointure.

The Chargers and Chargerettes have produced one of the most successful basketball programs in District 11. Since the formation of the jointure in the 1969-70 season, Carbondale Area basketball teams have won numerous division and district titles and have captured a PIAA Class "AA" state championship.

Since the jointure formation, coaches Pete Turonis and Mary Ann Egnatovitch have guided the schools hardwood fortunes except for the 1975-76 season. At that time, Egnatovitch left with a 6-0 record and joined the Immaculate College coaching staff. Cindy Moskosky led the team to a 22-2 record in 1975-76.

On the boys court, Carbondale Area has recorded 230 wins and 182 losses during the jointure's 15-year history. Turonis' teams produced some impressive seasons during that span.

Although the first jointure team did not have a noteworthy record (12-13), the locals captured the Lackawanna League North title before losing in the district contest.

The following three seasons were exciting ones. In 1970-71, the Chargers recorded 21 straight wins and scored over 100 points in two games. The Chargers repeated as Northern Division champs. A 58-56 district playoff loss to Riverside ended a great 21-1 year.

The 1971-72 season was also a thrilling one as the Chargers produced a 19-7 mark. Eight games were decided by three points or less. The Chargers advanced to the PIAA state inter-district action before losing to Middleton, 74-61.

In '72-73, Turonis' Chargers compiled a 19-4 year enroute to the Lackawanna League championship. Once again, close games were abundant as ten contests were three points or less affairs. The Chargers season ended suddenly with a 62-60 district loss to Dallas.

After a one year respite, the Chargers were back atop the division. The 20-8 locals played nine games with a three points or less difference and advanced to the first inter-district round of the state playoffs. An 84-54 loss to Bishop Hafey ended the Lackawanna League champs season.

The 1979-80 squad produced a 22-11 mark and participated in the district playoffs. A loss to GAR in the district final and a subsequent defeat in the state semi-final ended the season.

One season later, the locals compiled a 35-5 mark overflow with wins to Lackawanna League championship and advanced to the PIAA quarterfinals semi-final.

CHARGERETTES

The school's girls team has a basketball history that overflows with successful seasons. The female hoopsters have compiled a phenomenal 268-56 record. The initial team (1969-70) won the Lackawanna League title with a 9-1 record. A year later, another league championship and a district runner-up finish highlighted a 9-2 season.

In 1971-72, the Chargerettes added another league title and their first district crown to the sports history book. The 15-0 record was the first of two eventual unbeaten seasons.

The next season, Egnatovitch's team were 18-1 with another league and district title. The lone loss was a 20 point setback in the first ever PIAA eastern final of the girls state playoffs.

An identical 18-1 record and a fifth straight league title highlighted the season. In 74-75, the locals were 27-1, league champs, district queens and state quarterfinal participants.

In '75-76, Moskosky guided the team to a 22-2 record and the playoffs.

Following the one year sabbatical, Egnatovitch returned to a 31-0 team and the league, district and PIAA Class AA state championship. This 31-0 record has yet to be matched by any other girls team in the state.

The '77-78 year spelled more title and a 23-2 record. During this season, the Chargerettes stretched their unbeaten streak to 54 straight games.

Although the last five years have not been title seasons, the girls have produced records of 15-8, 17-8, 16-9, 21-5 and 16-7.

Basketball Bounces

Chargers have made district playoffs seven of 14 years (this year being the 15th jointure season) Chargerettes have ten district playoff teams

Overall jointure record as of 498th win reads 498-218 (.696). School produced one all-state honorable mention (Wally Durkin) and three state final tourney all-stars (Deb Krsyiyc, Fran Gabriel and Linda Brownell)

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Runner-up to Case in two categories was Steve Mahar, who led the raceway during the latter part of August, finished second in percentage with a .348 average. He also finished in a tie for second in dash-wins with 108 victories.

Ron Ingrassia, whose 1983 campaign was interrupted for five weeks due to a broken collarbone sustained in a racing accident, equalled Mahar's output of 108 winners and finished third in the percentage race with a .286 universal driving average.

It marked the second consecutive 100-win season for Ingrassia, and the second consecutive season that three Mighty M reinsmen went over the 100-win plateau.

Second to Case in training wins was last year's victor in that category, Richard Axelrod. The lawyer-turned-trainer, harness 47 winners, two more than Mike Sorentino, Jr.

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Boyarsky to attend Blitz awards banquet

The Carbondale Area Junior Sports Association, sponsors of the Carbondale Area Blitz junior football program, will honor its athletes and cheerleaders at an annual awards banquet to be held on January 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Cottage Hose Company. Highlight of the affair will be the appearance of NFL starter Jerry Boyarsky as guest speakers.

Boyarsky, a 6'3, 290-pound starting nose guard for the Cincinnati Bengals, recently completed his third season in the National Football League.

This past season, the Bengals had the top defensive team in the NFL as the Bengals yielded the least yardage per game and for the entire season.

Boyarsky played high school football at Lakeland and was a two-time Suburban Conference All-Star. The Chief product was also a first team All-Northern Conference and PIAA Class AA pick.

During those years at Pitt, the Panthers were 29-8 as a national title contender. Boyarsky was called the "blood and guts" of the Panther defense. That defensive line featured present NFL performers Hugh Green, Ricky Jackson, Greg Meisner and Bill Neill. Offensive line talents included Mark May, Jimbo Covert, Emil Boures, Russ Grimms and Ron Sams, all NFL athletes.

Boyarsky played his rookie season at New Orleans and has performed the last two years at Cincinnati.

At the banquet, awards will be presented to all athletes and cheerleaders and jackets will be given to the Blitz "A" team, champions of the Northern Area Junior Football Conference.

Gas company offers tips

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Take advantage of solar assistance by opening draperies to allow solar radiation to come in. Close draperies in the evening to prevent room air from leaking out around windows and sliding patio doors.

Check your home for possible air leaks not only around windows and doors but around less-commonly thought of heat loss areas like mail chutes and fireplaces. Caulking, weather stripping and insulation can help stop heat loss.

Over 30 hoop results

An upset and two barn-burners dominated the Carbondale YMCA's Over 30 Basketball League. The first match of the week had the Misfits squeeking by the Hilltoppers 58-56. Bob Tuse Mancuso bombed in 22, Joe McMyne canned 16 and Joe Marzacco had 12.

The Club 526 upset the Champs 55-47. Bill Valukovich was high man for the Club 526 with an impressive 16, Ben Grizzanti popped in 14. For the Champs Marty Andrews and Seapper Daley split 24. The generic pulled out a 1 point victory over Baldi's 56-55. Mike Cunningham offered 28 and Joe Marzacco had 14 for the winners. Baldi's leading bucket popper was, "yes the Hilltoppers 58-56. Bob Tuse Mancuso bombed in 22, Joe McMyne canned 16 and Joe Marzacco had 12.

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Lakeland activities listed

Lakeland notes for the remainder of the week are:

January 4 - Boys' basketball game vs. Carbondale Area - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. varsity game; freshman basketball game vs. Carbondale Area, home, at 4 p.m.

January 5 - a.m. activity schedule in effect; girls' basketball game at Riverside; 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 6 - freshman basketball game at Riverside - 4 p.m.; boys' basketball game vs. Riverside, home - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 7 - 7th and 8th basketball game at Honesdale at 10 a.m.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Jo Ann Cullen, 1123 White Bridge Road, Millington, New Jersey. From her husband, sons Scott and Tony, Mom Cullen, Mom and Dad Cotroneo, brother Gary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Dime, and Mary and Joe Barone.

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Local Bowling Results

YMCA 6, 7, 8 Grade Girls

In the YMCA 6-7-8 Grade Girls League, three point winners included Debbie Kopecki, 104, 103; Lorie Wasserman, 136, 115, 98; Sherry Demartino, 102; Michele Major, 122; Wendy Seeley, 112; Jen Lewis, 151; M.A. Fedak, 102; Tracy Thomas, 136, 130; Kathy Cahalan, 105, 109.

Newcomers

In the Newcomer's League, four point winners included Bertie Kirk, 104, 104, 104.

Three point winners: Vera Fedak's Beauty Shop over Clifford Auto Center.

Teams winning two points each were: Convenient Food Mart and Jeanne's Beauty Nook; Nick's Garage and Wicked Carol's.

The team high series of 2805 was rolled by Vera Fedak's Beauty Shop, while the high single was rolled

Tuesday Night Early Birds

In the Tuesday Night Early Birds League, three point winners included Bittenberg's Sportswear, Inc.

Teams winning two points were: Clifford Direct Mail and Bittenberg's Sportswear, Inc.

The team high series of 2153 was bowled by K. Sportswear, Inc., while the high single was rolled by Clifford Direct Mail, with a 735.

Individual honors went to Ann Marie Talnagi, who had a 605 series and the individual high single was 247 by Ann Marie Talnagi.

Splits were converted by Peggy Morrison, Betty Tucker, Carla

YMCA 3, 4, 5 Grade Girls

In the YMCA 3-4-5 Grade Girls League, two point winners included Garfield's took two from Silly Stickers, Knight Riders took two from Rec Gems.

Splits for the winning one point was, Monchichinese took one from Smurfs.

The team high series of 1220 was

Carbondale News (Minor)

In the Carbondale NEWS (Minor) League, winner for the first half was Price Insurance. Bill Sanchak's Good Guys finished second, with Brodsky, Kirkwood and Mart Lakeland's

team high single was Lake Lorain.

Tuesday Night Ladies

In the Tuesday Night Ladies League, four point winners included Rent A Center over La Rosa Ac. counting.

Three point winners were: Manicki Construction and The Barn.

Teams winning one point were: Wendy Seeley's Beauty Salon and Viewing.

The team high series of 2190 was bowled by Manicki Construction, while the team high single was rolled by Manicki Construction with a 941.

Individual honors went to

Pioneer Ladies

In the Pioneer Ladies League, three point winners included Mc. Donnell's Restaurant, Carbondale Trucking over Adams Cable T.V.

Teams winning two points were: Carlsen Welding over Adams Cable.

The team high series of 2540 was bowled by McDonnell's Restaurant, while the high single was rolled by McDonnell's restaurant.

Individual honors went to Dot Simsak with a 530 series, and the individual high single was 195 by Dot Simsak.

Thursday Morning Ladies

In the Thursday Morning Ladies League, four point winners included Cal's Body Shop over Manik Club.

Teams winning three points were: Jeanne's Beauty Nook over Dreater Co.

The team high series of 1825 was bowled by Sylda Cafe, while the high single was rolled by Andrew's Jewelers.

Individual honors went to Betty Carachilo with a 536 series, and the individual high single was 218 by Betty Carachilo.

Splits were converted by Lois Frisble, Sophia Gilla, Mary Tochetti,

J&B - Dreater

In the J&B Bar - Dreater Coal League, four point winners included Zaccera's Market over Friendly Tavern; Cal's Body Shop over Prince Steelheat; Arthouse Trench over Thomas Newsstand.

Teams winning two points were: Sawack Insurance over Gryphon Inn.

The team high series of 808 was bowled by Arthouse Trench, while the high single was rolled by Sawack

Insurance with a 341.

Individual honors were rolled by Sawack with a 341 series, and the individual high single was 140 by D.Karsun.

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Other good scores were: J.Lauch, 151; M.A.Fedak, 150; K.Jerlin, 157; S.Hunt, 180; P.Buccieri, 136; Cole, 182, 199; N.Woody, 149, 181; J.Grote, 142, 161; A.McAteer, 147; A.Munet, 160; D.Frederick, 158, 167; L.Lapetina, 154, 157; D.Karsun, 197

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Obituaries

GLENN, Louina Phillips Mrs., died Tuesday, December 6 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

She was born in the Rhonndа Valley, South Wales to the late Benjamin and Hannah Goodwin Phillips. She was the widow of the late Edward J. Glenn.

Formerly of Carbondale, and Parsippany, N.J., she is survived by a daughter Mrs. Thomas (Nan) Davis and a son, Glyn Fowler; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

KETCHEM, Helen Mrs., 5 Sutter Lane, Ivone, Calif., formerly of Carbondale, died December 24 at home after an illness. She was the wife of the late Robert Ketchem.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Rhoda and John Hopkins, she lived in Carbondale until moving to California 10 years ago. She was a member of the Berean Baptist Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Michael (Shirley) Corrigan, with whom she lived; Mrs. Louis (Barbara) Sirianni, Carbondale; Mrs. Diane May, Ione, Calif.; Mrs. Gary (Bonnie) Harrity, East Stroudsburg; Mrs. Joseph (Connie) Griffith, Peckville; one son Robert Ione; 20 grandchildren 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berean Baptist Church, Carbondale, or the Cancer Society.

NEWCOMB, Paul J., 28 John St., died Wednesday, December 28 at his home. His wife, the former Regina Munley, died in 1981.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Patrick and Margaret Duffy Newcomb, he was employed as a fireman for O&W Railroad before retirement and was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Surviving are seven sons, Patrick, Honesdale; Phillip, Jermyn; Robert, Archbald; Paul J., Michael, Charles and James, Carbondale; five daughters, Mrs. Ann Kilmer, Carbondale; Mrs. Jean Cobb, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Milford, Conn.; Mrs. Margaret Solomon and Miss Sally Newcomb, Carbondale; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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